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Representative Phil Roe United States House of Representatives 336 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Representative Joe Courtney United States House of Representatives 2348 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Roe and Courtney,

On behalf of the nearly 1,800 college and university president and other higher education leaders we represent, we thank you for introducing the Accessible Instructional Materials in Higher Education Act (AIM-HIGH). Our members believe that equal access to higher education for students with disabilities is a critical issue, and this bill will help institutions to better serve them.

Inclusion is a core value of higher education, and this legislation provides a path forward to help colleges and universities increase accessibility and equal opportunities to learn. We look forward to the endeavors of the commission that is created by this legislation, and are eager to work with Congress and our member institutions to ensure that this important bill is passed.

We are proud to work in collaboration with the National Federation of the Blind, the Association of American Publishers and the Software and Information Industry Association on this issue. The bill also enjoys broad higher education community support and is backed by a wide array of higher education associations, including: EDUCAUSE; the Association of Research Libraries; the Association of American Universities; the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

We thank you for your commitment to students with disabilities and institutions of higher education, and we appreciate your efforts to advance this valuable legislation.

Sincerely,

Molly Corbett Broad

President